

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 4, 2005. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 26 remain pending; however, claims 15 – 20 and 24 – 26 are presently withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Election/Restrictions

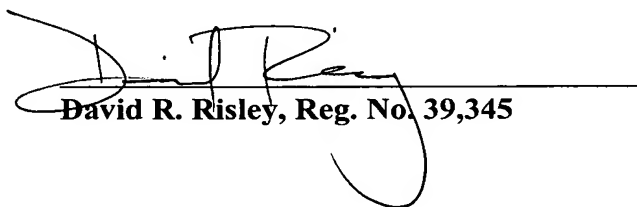
The Office Action indicates that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Species I: Claims 1 – 14, and 21 - 23 drawn to “a data storage device,” classified in class 365, subclass 171;
- II. Species II: Claims 15 – 20 and 24 - 26 drawn to “a method for forming a data storage device,” classified in class 438, subclass 3.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the subject matter of claims 1 – 14 and 21 - 23, without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

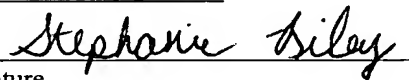
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